

GEORGE JEFFCOTT

India, 1966 - 1969

George worked in a small village agricultural program for two years, then joined Peace Corps staff in Bombay (now Mumbai). What did he accomplish? "Fortunately, I was assigned to a village that eagerly took up the new hybrid crops and cultivation methods I was sent to introduce. Some farmers increased their yield by about 200%. What I really accomplished was learning how to live in a world free of electricity, plumbing, and motorized vehicles. It taught me that what we own does not define who we are and that consumption is not the road to happiness. This lesson guides me today."

George returned to the U.S. just days before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. He set up title insurance companies around Oregon, but says job satisfaction was more important than money, so pursued teaching. George retired in 2004 after 27 years at Monroe and Spencer Butte middle schools, North Eugene High School, and the University of Oregon. He serves on the board of the North Eugene Retirement Association, is Vice President of Lane County Master Gardeners, and works with the City of Eugene's Huckleberry Patrol, a volunteer-driven graffiti abatement effort.



JOYCE LEADER

Associate Director, Zaire, 1976 - 1979
Desk Officer for Southern Africa, 1979 - 1981

Joyce began work for Peace Corps in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo) in 1976. She was responsible for 140 education volunteers and later moved to Washington D.C. to serve as Desk Officer for Southern Africa. Afterwards, she spent more than 20 years with the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer specializing in Africa and refugee affairs. Among her diplomatic positions were U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Consul General in Marseille, France, and Director of the Office of Refugee Assistance to Asia and the Near East.

She says: "My most challenging post was Deputy Chief of Mission in Rwanda during the three years leading up to the 1994 genocide. ABC's Frontline has an interview with me on its website for its 'Ghosts of Rwanda' show that recounts some of my experiences with that tragedy.

"It is interesting that the motives Volunteers give for joining Peace Corps have not changed much over the years. Volunteers still want to get to know other cultures and do something worthwhile for others. They continue to say they get more out of their service than they are able to give. Many continue to work overseas or enter humanitarian professions in the U.S."

In the Foreign Service, Joyce also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs at the U.S. Mission in Geneva, Deputy Director of the Office of West African Affairs, and held positions at the U.S. embassies in Nigeria and Burkina Faso. Joyce lives in Eugene and retains her interest in African affairs, having returned recently from a consulting assignment in Southern Sudan.

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